Gobiconodon

Gobiconodon is an extinct genus of carnivorous mammal from the early Cretaceous. It weighed 10–12 pounds (4.5–5.4 kg) and measured 18–20 inches (460–510 mm). It was one of the largest mammals known from the Mesozoic. Like other gobiconodontids, it possesses several speciations towards carnivory, such as shearing molar teeth, large canine-like incisors and powerful jaw and forelimb musculature, indicating that it probably fed on vertebrate prey; rather uniquely among predatory mammals and other eutriconodonts, the lower canines were vestigial, with the first lower incisor pair having become massive and canine-like. Like the larger *Repenomamus* there might be some evidence of scavenging.[2]

Species

Gobiconodon

Temporal range: Middle Jurassic-Late Cretaceous 166–94 Ma

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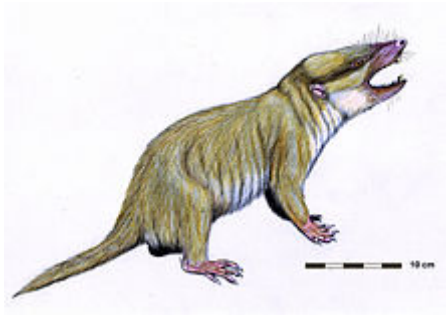
Gobiconodon ostromi skeleton



Reconstruction

Scientific classification

Kingdom:	Animalia
Phylum:	Chordata
Class:	Mammalia
Order:	†Gobiconodonta
Family:	†Gobiconodontidae
Genus:	†*Gobiconodon* Trofimov, 1978

Species

- *G. bathoniensis* Sigogneau-Russell, 2016
- *G. borissiaki* Trofimov, 1978 (type)

- *G. hoburensis* (Trofimov, 1978) Kielan- Jaworowska & Dashzeveg, 1998
- *G. hopsoni* Rougier *et al.*, 2001
- *G. luoianus* Yuan *et al.*, 2009
- *G. ostromi* Jenkins Jr. & Schaff, 1988
- *G. palaios* Sigogneau-Russell, 2003
- *G. zofiae* Li *et al.*, 2003
- *G. haizhouensis* Kusuhashi *et al.*, 2015[1]
- *G. tomidai* Kusuhashi *et al.*, 2015[1]

Synonyms

Guchinodon hoburensis Trofimov, 1978 *Neoconodon borissiaki* (nomen nudum)

Species	Material	Age	Location	Unit	Notes
G. borissiaki [3]	10 upper and lower jaws[3] & 3 upper and lower jaws.[4] Holotype: PIN 3101/09	Aptian - Albian	Mongolia	Khoboor Beds	*Neoconodon* is a synonym.
	1 fragmentary lower jaw[5]	Neocomian - Albian	Russia	Siberia	
G. hoburensis [3]	21 upper and lower jaws. Holotype: PIN 3101/24	Aptian - Albian	Mongolia Russia	Khoboor Beds; Siberia	*Guchinodon hoburensis* is a synonym.[4] The smallest Gobiconodon.
G. hopsoni [6]	2 upper and lower jaws (PSS-MAE 140 (Holotype) & PSS-MAE 139)	?Vanginian - Neocomian	Mongolia	Oshih Formation	The largest Gobiconodon.
G. palaios [7]		?Berriasian	Morocco	Anoual	
Gobiconodon sp.[6]	2 fragmentary lower jaws	?Vanginian - Neocomian	Mongolia	Oshih Formation	
G. sp. A[8]		Lower Cretaceous	Russia	Ilek Formation	
G. sp. B[8]		Lower Cretaceous	Russia	Ilek Formation	
G. luoianus [9]	Nearly complete skull (41H III-0320 (Holotype))	Aptian	China	Yixian Formation	
G. ostromi [10]	2 incomplete skeletons (MCZ 19965 (Holotype) & MCZ 19860)	Aptian - Albian	USA	Cloverly Formation	
G. zofiae [11]	Partial skull and lower jaws (IVPP V12585 (Holotype))	Hauterivian	China	Yixian Formation	
G. bathoniensis [12]	Two upper left molars and last upper right molar	Bathonian	UK	Old Cements Work Quarry	

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